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In response to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response with a one-month extension set to expire on February 14, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001106/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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